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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, U.S.S.
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch, U.S.S.
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Hatch:

Thank you for extending me the opportunity to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss our industry's commitment — and contributions — to solving the problem of piracy of digital content.

I greatly appreciated the manner in which the hearing was conducted, which I believe properly focused the members' attention on the voluntary, consensual standards development process as the best means to achieve the correct balance between the interests of content owners, consumers, and the IT industry.

As promised, together with our partners at AOL/Time-Warner, we will provide timely reports to the Committee on the progress being made. We have now finalized (and provided to the Committee) the joint statement of principles that will guide us as we go forward.

The hearing held before your Committee on March 14 not only shed much needed light on the accomplishments to date, but also helped foster a new spirit of cooperation among those industries that are collectively engaged in these important efforts.

I thank you again for your courtesies and for your careful consideration of the issues at stake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Barrett". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Craig R. Barrett
Chief Executive Officer